Acquisition of fighter planes

2784. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to acquire a large number of latest version of fighter planes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the targeted date for deploying them in the force?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government constantly review the security environment and accordingly decide to induct appropriate equipment and to make other arrangements for adequate defence preparedness. The purchase of aircraft required for the Air Force is made in accordance with the established Defence Procurement Procedure.

Book on the Kargil conflict

2785. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the facts mentioned in the recent book on Kargil conflict by the then Chief of Army Staff;

(b) whether the book indicates an intelligence failure in anticipating the events that eventually led to Kargil conflict;

(c) whether Government agree with the facts and assertions in the book;

(d) whether Government have taken a view of the denial by intelligence agencies of any such failure as indicated in the book; and

(e) whether the book has created a controversy between the Army and the intelligence over a sensitive issue of national security?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) the Book "KARGIL, from Surprise to Victory" refers to the findings of Kargil Review Committee and other analysts with regard to lack of adequate intelligence input and analysis.